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Description: ff. ii + 73 + iv - S. XIX#^ex# or s. XX#^in#, French, red velvet over boards with silver corner pieces, gilt edges. - Beuville family, seigneurs de la Seraulté, Normandy, s. XV; Jean Berger, s. XVI; Alisié (dealer), Paris, 1891; Joseph Baer, Frankfurt, May 1900; George Clifford Thomas, Philadelphia; Ada E. Moorhead Thomas, Philadelphia; P. A. B. Widener, Philadelphia. - De Ricci, p. 2115, no. 1; Livre du Chastel de Labour, par Jean Bruyant: A Description of an Illuminated Manuscript of the s.XV, ([Philadelphia], 1909); Leaves of Gold, p. 36, no. 70; E. König,G. Bartz, Das Buch vom erfüllten Leben (Lucerne, 2005) - reproduced in facsimile in König and Bartz, Das Buch vom erfüllten Leben (Lucerne, 2005).

Notes:-Coats of arms of Beuville family, seigneurs de la Seraulté, Normandy, and their motto "nulle que vous" in some borders. Signature of Jean Berger, s. XVI, on f. 1r. "Inv. no. 1074" inscribed on detached leaf inserted at end of book.

Number of Parts: 1 - *Number of Images Available:* 8

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Language: French *Country:* France *Century:* 15th

Part 1: ff. 1r-73v

Description: - Parchment - 210 x 145 mm - 1 column of 26 lines, ruled in red ink.

Country: France

Region:

Assigned Date: s. XV$^{2/4}$

Dated by scribe: No

Document: No

Script: Ba^tarde

Artist(s): Fastolf Master

Cardinal point:

City: Paris

Searchable Date Range: 1425 - 1450

Inscribed Date:

Number of Scribes: ;

Figurative Decoration: 46 half-page miniatures, 1 historiated roundel in margin (f. 1r) and marginal scenes in border of f. 61v

Other Decoration: 46 full foliate borders (rinceaux); decorated 2-line initials throughout

Notes: This manuscript, which has been dated to ca. 1430-1440, was previously attributed to a follower of the Bedford Master. Latin

Acknowledgments: - We thank Dr. Patricia Stirnemann for her observations on the inscription mentioned in the text notes.

Number of Texts: 1

Text 1: ff. 1r-73v

Title: La voie de Povreté ou de Richesse (The Way of Poverty or of Wealth)

Title: Ci commence le livre du chastel de labour de povrete et de richesse et comme besoing necessite souffrete et disete viennient assaillir un homs nouvel marie soy gisant en son lit.

Language(s): French

Incipit: On dit souvent a reprochier / un proverbe que iay moult

Explicit: Que veoiz me puisse ou demaine.

Notes: Missing last sixteen lines of text; Missing leaf at end. Inscription on f. 73v in s. XV hand notes number of folios, which is consistent with present number.

f. 1r Want, Necessity, Suffering, and Hunger visit Newlywed

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f. 5v Despair visits Newlywed

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ff. 6v-7r Reason enters Newlywed's bedroom, chasing away Despair

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ff. 13v-14r Reason shows Newlywed the sin of Laziness and the virtue of Diligence

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ff. 27v-28r Reason shows Newlywed the path to the House of Poverty

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ff. 48v-49r Newlywed is shown the rewards of reason and the punishments of fraud

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f. 61v The Castle of Labor

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ff. 65v-66r Laborers working and eating in the fields of the Castle of Labor

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